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Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371, mailed from the Office on February 13, 2002, the following are enclosed:

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- 2. Fully executed Declaration for Utility or Design Patent

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3. A check in the amount of \$130 as payment of the surcharge for a large entity.

It is respectfully submitted that all formalities have been met.

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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

• Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

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